Inspectorate, the Ministry has been sending senior officers from time to time to inspect functioning of the Missions.

(c) and (d) The Indian Embassies abroad are sensitive to the needs of Indians working abroad. Officers dealing with consular matters and also the commercial wings of the Missions, remain in regular contact with the concerned agencies in the respective local governments dealing with foreign nationals working in the country. As and when necessary, the Ministry also takes up the matter with the foreign Embassies based in Delhi in addition to the efforts made by the Indian Missions/Posts abroad in taking up the matter with the local governments in the respective countries.

Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan

†942. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have offered a proposal for Secretary level talks with Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details of the talks held, so far, along with the matters discussed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (b) Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan were held in New Delhi on June 27-28, 2004. The two Foreign Secretaries discussed the subjects 'Peace and Security including CBMs' and 'Jammu and Kashmir' within the framework of the Composite Dialogue. They exchanged views on carrying the process forward in an atmosphere free from terrorism and violence. In the Joint Statement issued at the end of the talks on June 28, the Foreign Secretaries, *inter alia*, approved the measures recommended by the Expert level meeting on Nuclear CBMs in New Delhi on 19-20 June, 2004. The two sides proposed a comprehensive framework for CBMs aimed at initiating and enhancing communication, coordination and interaction. It was also agreed to immediately restore the strength of the respective High Commissions to the original level of 110; to immediately release all apprehended fishermen in each other's custody and put in

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

place a mechanism for the return of unintentionally transgressing fishermen and their boats from high seas without apprehending them; and to initiate steps for early release of civilian prisoners. It was also agreed in principle to re-establish the Consulates General in Karachi and Mumbai.

Malfunctioning of International Indian School, Jeddah

943. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been initiated on representations submitted during April, 2004 to the Consulate General, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia regarding malfunctioning of the Managing Committee and Chairman, International Indian School, Jeddah;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Indian Community at Jeddah has requested for dissolving the present Managing Committee of above school;

(e) if so, the action taken thereon;

(f) whether Indian Embassy in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia intervened during the year 2004 on the removal of Director, International Indian School, Jeddah; and

(g) if so, the details of the procedure adopted for above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The representations were given careful consideration by the Consulate General of India, Jeddah. However, as the International Indian School in Jeddah functions under a charter issued by the Ministry of Education, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, neither the Embassy of India, Riyadh nor the Consulate General of India in Jeddah have executive authority in the functioning of the school in terms of the charter. Consequently, there could be no direct involvement by the Embassy or the Consulate General of India in the functioning of the International Indian Schools.

(d) and (e) Sections of the Indian community from time to time have called for dissolution of the Managing Committees. Attention of the